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SUBJ: 18TH US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS

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SUMMARY: FONOFF COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DATES AND AGENDA
FOR NEXT PLANNING TALKS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF POINTS RAISED REFTEL WITH FONOFF
RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRGEN TACHIBANA OCT 31,
HE INFORMED POL/COUNS THAT VICE MINISTER HOGEN CONSIDERING
POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDING PART OF PLANNING SESSIONS.
TACHIBANA SAID HOGEN WISHES IN ANY EVENT VISIT WASHINGTON
AT SOME POINT IN NEAR FUTURE FOR MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE
SENIOR OFFICERS OF STATE AND DEFENSE. TACHIBANA EMPHASIZED
HOGEN WOULD ATTEND ONLY PART OF SESSIONS (POSSIBLY ONE
DAY) AS "INVITED OBSERVER" AND NOT REGULAR PARTICIPANT.
HOGEN'S PARTICIPATION, OF COURSE, WOULD DEPEND ON
WHETHER APPROPRIATE COUNTERPART OBSERVER FROM AMERICAN
SIDE WOULD ALSO FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. HE
NOTED THAT PRECEDENT FOR SUCH SENIOR PARTICIPATION WAS
CREATED IN PREVIOUS PLANNING TALKS IN WILLIAMSBERG
WHEN FORMER UNDER SECRETARY JOHNSON PARTICIPATED IN
PART OF SESSIONS WITH FORMER VICE MINISTER MORI.
TACHIBANA SAID DESIRE OF VICE MIN TO PARTICIPATE
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IF FEASIBLE AFFECTS FONOFF PLANNING WITH RESPECTO BOTH

DATES AND AGENDA.

2. DATES: FONOFF PREFERS DEC 3-5 BECAUSE OF HOGEN'S SCHEDULING PROBLEMS. TACHIBANA SAID HOGEN WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PLAN CONFIDENTLY ON TRIP DURING JAN 7-11 PERIOD BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA MAY BE MAKING ANOTHER TRIP ABROAD AROUND THAT TIME (TO SOUTHEAST ASIA) AND DIET WILL AGAIN BE IN SESSION.

3. AGENDA: TACHIBANA SAID AGENDA PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED GENERALLY AGREEABLE TO FONOFF. HE COMMENTED THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING TECHNOLOGY OPTION AT THIS TIME. THEY ARE OF COURSE WILLING TO DISCUSS SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT BUT WOULD PREFER TO WRAP IT IN WITH BROADER FRAMEWORK (SEE BELOW). DURING FREE DISCUSSION SESSION JAPANESE SIDE WOULD HOPE, DEPENDING ON INTERVENING EVENT, THAT TWO SIDES COULD TOUCH ON MIDDLE EAST AND OIL.

4. ON ASSUMPTION HOGEN WILL PARTICIPATE, TACHIBANA SAID THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSION OF TOPIC ALONG LINES OF "FUTURE OF U.S. AND JAPANESE RELATIONS VIS-A-VIS CHINA AND SOVIET UNION". HE OBSERVED SUCH TOPIC WOULD SUBSUME MOST OR ALL OF SUBJECT MATTER ENVISIONED IN "ASIAN SECURITY" AND "CHINESE POLITICAL SITUATION" ITEMS SUGGESTED IN PREVIOUS AGENDA PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS PART OF SIBERIAN ITEM. TOPIC AS SUGGESTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, WOULD PROVIDE FOCUS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO FONOFF AND HOGEN AT THIS TIME. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE AND RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF ME AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

5. TACHIBANA SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO PACKAGE GOJ AGENDA INTEREST, IF U.S. SIDE AGREEABLE:

A. FIRST DAY - "FUTURE OF EUROPE" (TWO SESSIONS)

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SECOND DAY - "FUTURE RELATIONS OF U.S. AND JAPAN
VIS-A-VIS CHINA AND SOVIET UNION" (TWO SESSIONS)

THIRD DAY - FREE DISCUSSION (ONE SESSION)

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A-VIS CHINA AND SOVIET UNION" (ONE SESSION)

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6. TACHIBANA-LORD MEETING: TACHIBANA DELIGHTED TO
MEET WITH LORD ANY CONVENIENT TIME DURING PERIOD OF
SECRETARY'S VISIT. SUGGESTED MEET AT FONOFF DURING
SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER 3:30-5:30 PM
NOV 14. IF THAT NOT FEASIBLE, TACHIBANA WOULD BE
HAPPY TO MEET OVER DRINKS AT OKURA HOTEL 6:00-7:00
PM NOV 14 OR DURING DAY NOV 15 IF
LORD NOT INVOLVED IN COM CONFERENCE. APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED SOONEST OF LORD'S PREFERENCE.

7. DEPT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO MR. LORD,
IF NECESSARY, TO OBTAIN HIS REACTIONS TO FONOFF
SUGGESTIONS.
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